

# **DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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Dear Spring Gobbler Hunter:

We have been conducting this survey since 1983 to better understand hunter participation, interests, experiences and harvest. Back then almost half of our Cooperators complained of hunter interference and hunting "accidents" were of great concern, thankfully that has changed dramatically through time. As our season comes in early this year compared to last, I will be keenly interested to see if your experiences are different as well.

This daily log survey tracks your turkey hunting activities and harvest. Whether you hunt every day or just once or twice, your survey is very important to me and the committee. On the back of the daily log is a short questionnaire and comment section, tell me what you think about spring gobbler hunting. I try to post my daily log where I see it every day so I can remember to keep filling it out; I hope you do as well.

At the close of the season, simply tape or staple the form with the return address on the outside, stick a stamp on it and mail. All cooperators returning their survey form will receive a copy of the annual Spring Gobbler Survey Report. **Be sure you record your name and address on the outside of the survey form in the space provided**. My secretary Tammie Thompson cannot mail you a report without your address!

Thanks a bunch for participating and helping us manage your wild turkey resource. Good luck spring gobbler hunting and maybe I will have a story for you next year.

Sincerely,

Keith Krantz

Wild Turkey Biologist

Enclosure

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WVDNR ID Number:			WEST VIRGINIA SPRING GOBBLER SURVEY – DAILY RECORD – RECORD ONLY WHAT YOU HEARD, SAW, CALLED-IN, ETC.																								
				GOBBLERS							HENS			UNKNOWN					RUFFED GROUSE		COYOTES	WINTER KILLS		WEATHER ** (see below)			
MONTH/DAY	COUNTY	HOURS HUNTED	Public or Private	Gobbling	Called In	Adults Seen	Juv. Seen	Killed	Crippled	Missed	Gobbling Intensity*	Heard	Seen	Called In	Turkeys Seen	Deer	Squirrels	Fox	Bobcat	Flushed	Drumming	Seen	Turkeys	Deer	Temp.	Precip.	Wind
Youth Hunt		HOMED	Land			Been	Been				(see below)				Been										Daylight		
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#### [BIRD #1] [BIRD #2] [BIRD #2] Lbs. Oz. LONGEST SPUR: (nearest 1/16") Lbs. Oz. [\_\_\_] Whole [\_\_\_] Whole **BEARD LENGTH**: [\_\_\_\_\_/8 [\_ [\_\_\_] Dressed [\_\_\_] Dressed (nearest 1/8") inches If multiple beards, list longest.

TIME OF KILL \_\_\_\_:\_\_pm

HARVEST INFORMATION

CROP CONTENTS (Circle) [BIRD #1]

1. Green Vegetation

2. Insects

3. Acorns

5. Others (list)

4. Corn

6. Empty

[BIRD #2] 1. Green Vegetation 2. Insects 3. Acorns 4. Corn

5. Others (list)

6. Empty

\* Gobbling Intensity Best describes gobbling (Choose only one#)

## No gobbling

- Gobbling only on roost Gobbling on roost and a few times on the ground
- Gobbling fair
- Gobbling good
- Gobbling poor

## \*\* Please enter appropriate number in columns above for most common or average weather conditions:

### TEMPERATURE AT DAYLIGHT PRECIPITATION WIND

- 1. Hot (70°+)
- 2. Mild (50-69°) 3. Cool (30-49)
- 4. Cold (less than 30°)

1. None Fog
 Drizzle 4. Moderate 5. Downpour

6. Snow

- 1. None
- 2. Breezy 3. Strong

# 2016 WEST VIRGINIA SPRING GOBBLER SEASON SURVEY

1.	Did you see any feral hogs while turkey hunting this season?  [] 1. Yes; If yes, what county?  [] 2. No	10.	What was the highlight or what will you most remember about the 2016 Spring Gobbler Season?	,	Attach First Class	<u>Stamp</u>
2.	Have you ever called in a bobcat while spring gobbler hunting? [] 1. Yes or [] 2. No. Did you call in a bobcat this year? [] 1. Yes [] 2. No.					
3.	Did you specifically go fall turkey hunting in 2015? [] 1. Yes or [] 2. No If yes, which county did you fall turkey hunt in most?					
1.	Did you flush any hens off their nests during the 2016 season?  [] 1. Yes → List Dates//16,//16,//16  [] 2. No Mo. Day Mo. Day Mo. Day	11.	Remarks or observations:			
5.	Did you see any hens with broods during the 2016 spring gobbler season?  [] 1. Yes  [] 2. No					
5.	Did you pre-season scout for turkeys this year?  [] 1. Yes  [] 2. No					
7.	Did you observe timber cutting in the area you hunt?  [] 1. Yes → If Yes, did it alter your hunting?  [] 2. No  [] 2. No					
3.	Did you observe oil/gas drilling in the area you hunt?  [] 1. Yes → If Yes, did it alter your hunting [] 1. Yes  [] 2. No [] 2. No	12.	List any question(s) you would like to see on future surveys:			
Э.	Is the turkey population in the area you hunt  [] 1. Increasing  [] 2. Decreasing  [] 3. About the same as last year			1	1 1 1	1 1
10.	Within the past few years, some hunters on the internet or t.v. are using a scoot and shoot decoy or tail fan to sneak up on strutting gobblers in a technique referred to as reaping. These hunters state that this technique should only be used on private lands and in open field settings. Do you think this method of hunting is safe? [] 1. Yes [] 2. No	13.	Please list the name and address of a friend or relative who might want to			
11.	Have you purchased one of these types of decoys?  [] 1. Yes [] 2. No.		participate in the survey next year:			
W	*****Reminder***** hen your season is over, mail your survey in! I need them by Monday May 23, 2016			Vame	Address	Zip Code_

Spring Gobbler Survey Committee WV Division of Natural Resources P.O. Box 67 Elkins, WV 26241

**HUNTING FORM** 

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